

Geppetto Woodcarvers Newsletter

AUGUST 2024



Seen at a Wednesday... Bill Jacoby's logger.

Masks carved by Dale Lott

Bob Barnes' chain and ball in a box.

Message from the President



We held our annual picnic on July 20, 2024 with a lot of good food and fellowship. There were 23 people at the picnic this year. We missed all the members and their families that could not join us.

We continue to get good attendance at our carving each Wednesday at Woodcraft. We are also getting good attendance at the carving on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Blennerhassett Museum. Our attendance at our monthly business meeting on the second Saturday of each month has also been good.

Geppetto Woodcarvers Club has been invited to man a booth at the Barlow Fair this year; which will be held between September 26 through September 29, 2024. We have been asked to have carving demonstrations each day of the fair. If you would like to help man the booth and do a little carving or demonstrations, please contact Guy Tessum or one of the officers.

Pat Wentzel held the monthly project on comfort birds. Several club members have either completed their comfort birds or are working on them.

Please bring in some of your projects for the show and tell, as everyone enjoys seeing other members' projects.

We would like to see as many members as possible at the August meeting. -Roy Holliday

Finishing a Basswood Carving

Guy Tessum

One finish that I commonly use for basswood carvings is Eco-Flo Gel Antique in Saddle Tan tint. Several colors are available. The finish is actually designed for use with leather, and the instructions advise applying it with a dry, soft cloth, rubbing briskly in a circular motion for a uniform color. Excess would be removed immediately with a clean, soft cloth. Further buffing provides a soft glow. Sometimes, I will use a damp cloth for buffing, if I want to soften the color.

This finish yields an orange-tan color on leather, which darkens with time and sun exposure. On basswood, the finish is a much darker orange-tan. For that reason, I dilute the Eco-Flo with at least 50% water before applying. A much higher percentage of dilution might be used to give the look of a "wash". Multiple coats, at varying dilutions, allow the building-up of color.

Eco-Flo's Gel Antique cleans up with soap and water; however after application, it will also bleed onto your brush when wetted. That can be an advantage when you want to blend colors or apply Gel Antique over a dry acrylic paint. This finish will require a topcoat of some sort. I tend to use a Polyurethane Varnish, which is quick-drying and water-based for easy cleanup.

Eco-Flo Gel Antique can be found online at Tandy Leather or Amazon.



Annual Family Picnic

The annual Geppetto family picnic was held once again on July 19 of this year. It is hard to remember how many years we have been enjoying good food and good fellowship, perhaps 20 or more years.

The shelter at the Parkersburg City Park was once again our choice for another wonderful potluck luncheon. Pat and Brenda provided the fixings for sandwiches that featured Dale 's freshly picked tomatoes. Dale also promised his delicious fresh sweet corn but unfortunately the neighborhood raccoons enjoyed this harvest. The problem was solved by Witten's freshly picked corn. The potluck gods provided a host of dishes by the Geppetto members and guests. We never seemed to fail to have wonderful dishes along with the friendship and joy shared during the meal.

What a joy it was to see Perl and to hear his stories. Fred Myers and grandson Joseph were also able to attend. We missed the youngsters, but visitors Peter Soczowka and his parents Agnes and Marek were able to attend. A few individuals were even able to carve during the afternoon.

We had 23 folks in attendance and hopefully the number will increase in future years. Hopefully new members will join our carving family next year, so they can also participate in our Geppetto Family Picnic.

Chef Pete Yakob
7/27/2024



Shucking Corn— L-R Foreground Dale (life Member) and Darlene Lott. Roy Holliday, Agnes and Peter Soczowka



Betty and Larry Mills (Life Member) and Jerry Yancey (Life Member)



Top Left - Our Senior member Perl Totman
Middle left – Ron Leisure and Sharon Dye

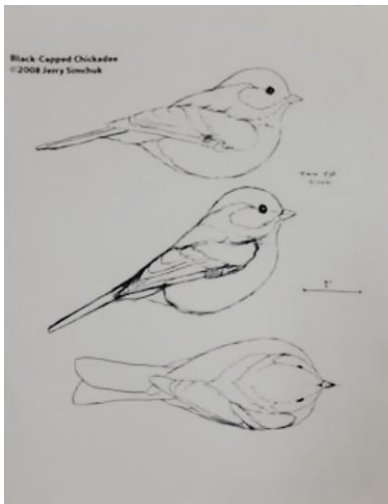
Bottom Left - Joseph Auch and his
Granddad Fred Myers

Top right – The Spread of Food.
Middle Right – Chef Pete and his
Watermelon.

Bottom Right - New Carvers Agnes,
Peter, and Marek Soczowka

Club Activities and Projects Schedule

Date	Monthly Meeting	Activity	Project	Leader	Comments
9/14/24	Yes				
10/12/24	Yes	TBD			
10/?/24 TBD	No	Carving in New Matamoras		Pat	
11/2/24	No		Warren Craft Show	Pat	Date to be announced
11/9/24	Yes		Quilt Show at the Blennerhassett Museum	Pat	The Quilt Show will be in place of club meeting
12/14/24	Yes	TBD			
12/?/24 TBD	No	Christmas Dinner		Pete	Date/Time/Location TBA
1/11/25	Yes	TBD			
2/8/25	Yes	TBD			
3/8/25	Yes	TBD			
4/12/25	Yes	TBD			
5/10/25	Yes	Carving on the Porch		Roy/Pat	
6/14/25	Yes	TBD			
7/12/25	Yes	Sharpening		Pete	



JULY MEETING ATTENDEES

Ron Leisure, Pete Yakob, Pat Wentzel, Larry Mills, Dale Lott, Bob Barnes, Roy Holliday, Guy Tessum, Fred Williams, Teresa Oler

- Door Prize Winner: Pete Yakob

IMAGE ABOVE: Bill Jacoby at July meeting. IMAGE BELOW: Bird samples



SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Sharon Dye invited a friend to join us and carve on a recent Wednesday. Are there potential club members in your circle of family and friends? Reach out to them and ask them to attend a future club meeting or event. There may be a new carver waiting to be asked.

We had a great turnout at the picnic with 23 members and family attending. This was our largest attendance at a club picnic. Fun was had by all. The food was great also.

Shortly we will begin gathering updated information from each member. Your hard at work secretary-treasure will be circulating a member information sheet. One new item we will be gathering and having available at club events is emergency contact information. Here is a good example to illustrate the need for contact information. Everyone knows Brenda, my wife. In the event of an emergency at a club event could Brenda be reached by a club member. The emergency contact information will be included in the under-development club manual. A copy will be kept at Woodcraft in our library and a copy will be given to Woodcraft store management. The club will also have a copy with us at all club events. Please participate by including your emergency information and help us get the information current.

Pat



Above: Vessels carved by Fred Williams and turned by Larry Weese.

GEPETTO WOODCARVING TUESDAY AT THE BLENNERHASSET MUSEUM

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY EVENING FROM 6-8 PM

We continue to enjoy new woodcarvers who are eager to learn. Please support the Tuesday evening sessions with your attendance. Share your woodcarving skills and passion with these beginning woodcarvers. Please consider being the coordinator for this.

GEPETTO WOODCARVERS WEDNESDAY AT WOODCRAFT

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT WOODCRAFT FROM 11 AM-4 PM

This is a great place to get out of the house, make some progress on your projects, and enjoy the company of fellow carvers. Every third Wednesday there will be a potluck for lunch. Come out and enjoy some delicious food and wonderful friendship.

BIRTHDAYS

Larry Hershman
Jeff Lang
Larry Mills
Guy Tessum
Pete Yakob

If we have missed anyone, please contact the secretary.

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Geppetto Woodcarving Events At-A-Glance

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 11 AM-4 PM Open carving @Woodcraft	8	9	10 10 AM @ Woodcraft Geppetto Club Meeting
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